

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: HB 1201

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Calvert County – Noise Ordinance

BILL ANALYSIS:

This bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance adopting environmental noise standards and authorizing the County Sheriff's Office to enforce that ordinance.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: Support.

MDE strongly supports this bill. Since funding to MDE was removed for enforcement of the noise regulations, we have tried to make every effort to enable local enforcement. Noise violations are ephemeral, and often by the time the Department could arrive, the noise was temporarily abated and no enforcement was possible, thus noise enforcement is best done at the local level. Noise pollution can have a very serious negative impact on quality of life – it is more than just nuisance. Citizens need some way to address concerns about noise pollution, and this will provide a very effective means to do so in Calvert County.

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